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SR 20 – Swantown to Cabot

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Project Timeline

2004

Study Started
November 2004

Study Traffic Patterns
December 2004-January 2005

2005

Analyze Traffic Patterns
February-March 2005

Create Alternatives to Relieve
Congestion and Improve Safety
March 2005

Solicit Feedback from
Oak Harbor and Public
April 2005

Complete Study and
Finalize Report
June 2005



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Oak Harbor Transportation Needs



Project location

*“We want to improve intersections along SR 20
in Oak Harbor to relieve congestion and improve
access and safety...”*

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Improving SR 20

We plan to:

- **Study current and future traffic volumes**
- **Recommend improvements for future construction**
- **Prioritize future projects**
- **Design ways to improve Oak Harbor's visual appeal**
- **Solicit your ideas on ways to improve SR 20**



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Traffic Congestion

Local residents of Oak Harbor know how much the city has grown in the last dozen years. They also know how much traffic and congestion have increased on Whidbey Island. The increased traffic on Whidbey Island, especially in Oak Harbor's downtown core, continues to increase travel times and driver frustration.

Improving SR 20

We are working with the City of Oak Harbor to find ways to improve State Route 20 by developing short and long range plans to keep traffic moving safely and efficiently and improve Oak Harbor's visual appeal.

Traffic Patterns

Last fall and winter we carefully studied traffic patterns and accidents on SR 20 in downtown Oak Harbor. We analyzed the data and forecasted traffic patterns into the year 2030. Then we used that data to develop potential solutions for improving SR 20 and presented them to your Oak Harbor City Council.



Intersection of SR 20 and Swantown

We grade intersections on how well they move traffic. Just like school grades, we use A through F to rate intersections based on the amount of time drivers have to wait at an intersection. We graded all the intersections between Cabot Drive and Swantown Avenue and most of them received a D. They're not failing right now, but they will be in the near future.

Solutions

Our goal is to relieve congestion and improve the safety and visual appeal of SR 20 from Swantown Avenue to Cabot Drive. We will consider Oak Harbor's unique look and feel when designing improvements.

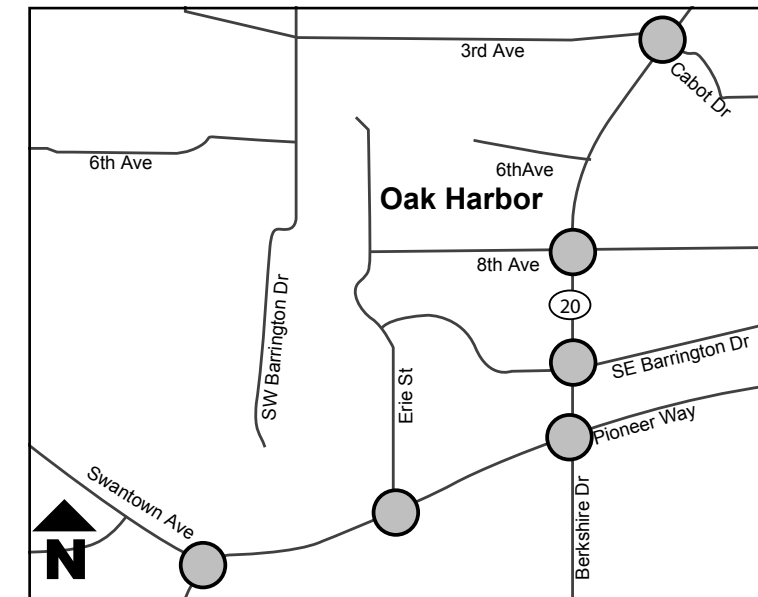
These are some of the solutions we are considering:

- Roundabouts
- Traffic lights
- Widening
- Median barrier
- Turn Lanes
- U-turns

Funding

This planning project costs \$30,000 and is funded by the city of Oak Harbor (\$20,000) and WSDOT (\$10,000).

Key Intersections



Design visual of a roundabout at Swantown